

and Past President of the South Windsor Athletic Booster Club. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Hartford Transit District, Board of Directors of the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce, and an Advisory Board member for Rockville Bank.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the life of Marjorie S. Anthony. Marge will be missed by her family, friends and her community. She was a dear friend of mine and my family who join with her family in mourning her passing but rejoicing in her life.

TRIBUTE TO ELI SEGAL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary American, Eli Segal, who passed away on February 20, 2006 at the age of 63.

Eli Segal was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1943. He graduated Brandeis University in 1964 and received a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1967.

Mr. Segal began a distinguished political career in 1968 when he joined Senator Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign. Though Senator McCarthy lost, Mr. Segal was not deterred and served in key positions in several Democratic presidential campaigns, culminating with President Clinton's 1992 campaign, which was Mr. Segal's first campaign victory.

Mr. Segal then served as Assistant to the President in the Clinton White House, and within months established the Corporation for National Service, better known now as AmeriCorps. Thanks to his skilled management, the once controversial program has become an acclaimed success, and 400,000 young Americans have been enrolled in the program and helped to improve their communities and their country. Mr. Segal also took an active interest in City Year, another service program he eventually chaired. At the request of Nelson Mandela, he helped launch City Year in South Africa.

In 1996, when President Clinton signed welfare reform into law, Mr. Segal took on the challenge of creating opportunities for former welfare recipients who were required to work. He began asking American companies to make commitments to hire former welfare recipients, and his "welfare-to-work partnership" grew from five companies to twenty thousand. As he did with AmeriCorps, Mr. Segal left a great legacy in his contribution to the success of welfare reform.

Mr. Segal is survived by his wife Phyllis, his son Jonathan and his daughter Mora, two grandchildren, and his brother Alan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an outstanding American and an extraordinary public servant, and extending our deepest sympathy to his family. He touched the lives of many Americans and changed our nation for the better.

HONORING ATHENS FIRST MAYOR

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Mr. John Matthews McDonald, the first known Mayor of Athens, Texas. John Matthews McDonald (1827–1883) was born in North Carolina but came to Texas in 1848 and lived first at Larissa, Cherokee County and then Mound Prairie, Anderson County, where his brother Murdoch earlier settled. Two years later, he moved to the young town of Athens and became a teacher and a lawyer.

He also served as the town's first mayor. He wed Mary Ann Elizabeth Pinson (1842–1931) in 1858, and the couple had ten children. During the Civil War, McDonald fought with the Confederate Army as part of Hood's Texas Brigade.

Active in public service, he held the offices of Justice of the Peace, County Judge and State Representative. His pioneer leadership proved vital to the early development of this adopted home.

On behalf of the citizens of Athens and the Fifth District of Texas, it is my pleasure to honor John Matthews McDonald in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE BOUZIANE NADER

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished constituent in my district, Rose Bouziane Nader of Winsted, Connecticut, whose incredible life has provided inspiration to all who have come in contact with her. Rose was a devoted mother, teacher and civic advocate, who passed away on January 20, 2006.

Rose Nader lived just 18 days short of her 100th birthday and led a life fulfilled by the inspiration she gave and the nurturing compassion she provided. Rose inspired America's foremost consumer advocate, her son Ralph Nader, and further inspired the rest of her children who are all dedicated to giving back to their community. The following are but glittering excerpts from the outpouring of people who spoke from their heart about this shining example for humanity.

"We have been brought together today by our mother, who was the light of our lives, the anchor, the compass and the vision. These are a few of her main qualities, qualities that we see in many good people. They represent the heights of human beings."—Ralph Nader.

"She was not a person of many words, but her content contained much memorable wisdom."—Claire Nader.

"On child-rearing formulas, Mom observed that, 'there is no recipe.' On supporting each other, it was 'operation cooperation.'"—Laura Nader.

"She was as fine an expression of the human spirit as I have ever met, and I say this from my heart."—Phil Donahue.

"I thought she was a remarkable person who lived a remarkable life, going literally from one century to another.

"She was strong, loving, hard-working and modest. All of the virtues were hers. I used to ponder how much she and her husband had seen in their lives for it was a great American story. They had come here in the Twenties with little more than their hopes and their capacity for hard work, and in just one generation they had seen their own children prosper—enriching what was around them and being enriched at the same time.

"What I will remember is her kindness to our family over the years, her sense of obligation to others, and a belief that citizenship demanded a daily commitment. And of course her modesty, in the midsixties, back when Life Magazine was still powerful, the editors put Ralph on the cover. My mother, thrilled by this, immediately called Rose to tell her.

"Yes," said Mrs. Nader, "that's nice. I must get out and get a copy." We all loved that, the 'a copy' reference." David Halberstam Journalist, Author, Historian.

It has been my experience that what makes this country great are those humble people amongst us who live day to day and perform unheralded deeds for their community. Rose was one of those people. Her life was a testimony of inspiration, humor and compassion, and the love and satisfaction that comes from giving of oneself.

How blessed her family is to have had such an influence, how fortunate the community that her works lives on. Epitomized by her world famous son, Ralph, and her daughters, Claire and Laura, who never forget their community and their mother's devotion.

President Kennedy was fond of saying that communities reveal a lot about themselves in the memorials they create and the individuals they honor. How fitting it is for the family to establish the Rose Nader Circle: For the Agitation of the Caring Mind. I know all Americans join in saluting Rose Nader. I personally want to be part of the planting of roses throughout Winsted. What a fitting tribute to an extraordinary lady. I am both humbled by her virtue and honored to place her name in the annals of the United States Congress, an institution that could learn much from this incredible American.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT RICHARD F. LITTO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Richard Francis Litto, United States Marine Corps and a resident of South Boston, MA.

Upon graduation from South Boston High School in 1976, Sergeant Litto joined the Marine Corps Active Reserve Unit. In 1990, Richie was called to active duty in Operation Desert Shield and assigned to the Military Police Criminal Investigations Division. During his tenure in Desert Shield, Richie received several accolades for his exemplary work ethic. One in particular, The Meritorious Mast, was awarded to Richie for his outstanding service.

Richie's next tour came in 2005, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was again asked to serve his country. Richie was activated in June of that year as a member of the 6th Civil Affairs Group (CAG), 2nd Marine Division of the United States Marine Corps. During this tour Richie was on a 137 "outside the wire mission," where he and his fellow members of the CAG Division worked on the streets of Fallujah, Amiriyah, and Zaidon protecting the citizens of Iraq from enemy insurgents.

Due to his exemplary service Richie was given Gunnery Sergeant responsibilities with E5 status, which any Marine knows is an amazing accomplishment and honor. Throughout his service in the United States Marine Corps, Richie Litto has been decorated with numerous awards. He has been awarded the Iraqi Campaign Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon and the National Defense Ribbon on several occasions.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of counting Richie Litto among my dearest friends for most of my life. Recently, as part of a Congressional Delegation that visited Iraq and Afghanistan I had the opportunity to visit with Richie while he was stationed at Camp Mercury in Fallujah and tell him in person how proud we were of his service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House of Representatives today to join with Richie's wonderful family, friends, and brothers and sisters in the Marines and thank him for a job well done and welcome him home. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Richie Litto's many accomplishments and all his future endeavors.

HONORING JERRY DEFEO

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Mr. Jerry DeFeo and his work with the National Exchange Club. Mr. DeFeo joined the Noon Exchange Club of Garland, Texas as a charter member in 1982 and went on to serve in numerous offices at the club, district and national levels, culminating with his term as President of the National Exchange Club this past year.

Jerry DeFeo has devoted his time, talent and energy promoting the Exchange Club and its mission: to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, community service, youth activities, and its national project, the prevention of child abuse.

Mr. DeFeo is an accomplished member of the Garland Noon Exchange Club and has served the National Exchange Club Foundation board of trustees from 1987–88 and is a volunteer field representative (VFR). He has received multiple recognitions throughout his involvement, including the first ever VFR of the Year Award in 1997. He was also awarded the National Master Recruiter Award and he has recruited more than 350 members and built 15 Exchange Clubs.

Mr. DeFeo received a bachelor's degree in engineering management from the University of Texas at Arlington, and is the founder and

president of DeFeo & Co. Enterprises, which specializes in a variety of architecture and construction. Jerry and his wife Mary DeFeo reside in Garland and have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Still active in his community, DeFeo is serving his 12th year on Garland's Board of Adjustments, a zoning appeals board. He has also been involved with the Stars for Children Child Abuse Prevention Center, the Garland Chamber of Commerce, YMCA Indian Guides, and Crimestoppers and Scouting.

Over the course of his career, Jerry DeFeo has demonstrated a unique commitment to the Exchange Club and his community. Today I would like to recognize his outstanding service to his dedication to the people of Texas and the mission of the Exchange Club.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, On April 5, 2006. I missed Rollcall vote No. 90 on H.R. 1127, the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted yes on the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD FULLY LIVE UP TO WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION COMMITMENTS AND END BOYCOTT ON ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Arab boycott against Israel is one of the worst vestiges of the Arab League's campaign to isolate and destroy Israel.

Originating shortly after Israel's founding in 1948, the embargo's objective was to squeeze the fledgling Jewish state out of existence AND punish its allies. Israel's astonishing economic growth despite these constraints ultimately dulled the impact. Enforcement also declined after Egypt and Jordan signed peace treaties with Israel. However, the boycott continues to be a shameless exercise in blackmail. Support for the policy is unfortunately still widely popular in most Arab nations.

Saudi Arabia, for its part, has been among the most vocal instigators rallying support for the boycott's continuation. Despite agreeing to provide Most Favored Nation status to all member states, including Israel, upon joining the WTO in November, Saudi Arabia continues to be a hub of boycott activity. In December, a Saudi official emphatically stated that the boycott would be maintained, and in

March, the Saudi government hosted a meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference aimed at continuing the embargo.

Unfortunately, Saudi Arabia's inconsistent track record is somewhat common among our Arab trading partners. In October 2005, just one month after Bahrain signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States, the Bahraini parliament voted to reject its government's decision to lift the anti-Israel embargo.

Likewise, the United Arab Emirates, which is currently negotiating an FTA with the United States, has kept the policy in place. The issue recently got attention when it was revealed that a Dubai company seeking to take over operations in six U.S. ports complied with the boycott. It was revealed that the Department of Commerce's Office of Antiboycott Compliance had fined several U.S. companies in the last year for abiding by UAE's boycott rules.

Oman, which has an FTA now pending before Congress, opened a trade mission with Israel in 1996, but closed the office several years later in response to anti-Israel demonstrations.

The international trading system is designed not only to promote prosperity but to foster peaceful relations between nations. The United States has invested a great deal of time and effort in negotiating new trade pacts in the Middle East to build stronger ties between our countries and among our regional partners. But it is not acceptable to continue along this path if Israel is to be left out.

Israel is a valuable economic partner of the United States and a strategic ally. It would be a tactical error, a moral blunder, and a departure from our own anti-boycott laws, to continue expanding our trade ties with countries like Saudi Arabia that refuse to abide by their commitments on this issue.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure and take a firm stand to put an end to Saudi Arabia's duplicitous actions.

HONORING THE MARTINS MILL GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Martins Mill Lady Mustangs basketball team who recently won the Texas University Interscholastic League 1A Division State Championship. On Friday March 3, 2006 the Lady Mustangs competed at the University of Texas in Austin's Frank Erwin Center (UTAFEC) for the Girls Basketball State Championship.

I would like to recognize teammates Cara Chaney, Courtney Gregory, Rebecca Hensley, Jordan Barncastle, Hayley Butler, Taylor Daniel, Brittney Perkins, Alexis Popelar, Ashley Tarrant, Jennifer Tindle, Christa Williams, Lynzi Williams, and Kim Wilson as well as team managers Carlee Alsobrook, Kati Clark, Joanna Daniel, Ashlee Milner, and Emily Williams.

The outstanding team performance of the Martins Mill Lady Mustangs earned them the number one ranking in the state from start to finish this season. At the State Championship game in Austin the Lady Mustangs defeated